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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 March 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 24-46 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 24-46 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. **Claim(s) 38-42 and 44-46** are objected to because of the following informalities:
line 1 "of claim" is repeated. Correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. **Claim(s) 24-46** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by
Farris et al. (US 6,404,858 B1).

Regarding **claim(s) 24**, Farris discloses a call processor for controlling an outbound call using outbound call rule information (61 on FIG. 2 and column 1, lines 17-23), the call processor comprising:

a memory that stores the outbound call rule information, the outbound call rule information being configurable by a user and comprising at least one rule relating to processing the outbound call (column 14, lines 3-19 and column 47, lines 21-28); and

a sender that sends at least one call processor message based on action information in response to a switch message when condition information is satisfied, the switch message being received from a switch in response to the outbound call being placed to a dialed number and received at the switch, and the call processor message being sent to the switch for controlling the outbound call received at the switch (column 15, line 57 to column 16, line 29);

wherein each rule is comprised of at least a portion of the action information and a portion of the condition information (column 16, lines 30-49).

Regarding **claim(s) 25 and 37**, Farris discloses a call processor, wherein the condition information comprises at least one condition related to at least a portion of the dialed number (column 15, lines 30-43).

Regarding **claim(s) 26 and 38**, Farris discloses a call processor, wherein the action information comprises information related to forwarding the outbound call to a number other than the dialed number (column 17, lines 44-50).

Regarding **claim(s) 27 and 39**, Farris discloses a call processor wherein the action information comprises information related to submitting a personal identification number (column 11, lines 40-48).

Regarding **claim(s) 28 and 40**, Farris discloses a call processor, wherein the action information comprises information related to sending a page to a paging device (column 11, lines 40-48).

Regarding **claim(s) 29 and 41**, Farris discloses a call processor, wherein the action information comprises information related to disallowing the outbound call (column 16, lines 30-49).

Regarding **claim(s) 30 and 42**, Farris discloses a call processor, wherein the action information comprises information related to prepending at least one prefix number to a dialed number sequence (column 15, lines 30-43).

Regarding **claim(s) 31 and 43**, Farris discloses a call processor, wherein the action information comprises a dial-around code, and wherein the action further comprises routing the outbound call via a carrier associated with the dial-around code (column 15, lines 30-43).

Regarding **claim(s) 32 and 44**, Farris discloses a call processor, wherein at least one rule comprises a plurality of actions (column 16, lines 30-49).

Regarding **claim(s) 33 and 45**, Farris discloses a call processor, wherein at least one rule comprises a plurality of conditions (column 16, lines 30-49).

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Regarding **claim(s) 34 and 46**, Farris discloses a call processor, wherein the outbound call rule information comprises a plurality of rules (column 16, lines 30-49).

Regarding **claim(s) 35**, Farris discloses a method for controlling an outbound call using outbound call rule information (column 1, lines 17-23), comprising:

storing the outbound call rule information, the outbound call rule information being configurable by a user and comprising at least one rule relating to processing the outbound call (column 14, lines 3-19 and column 47, lines 21-28);

sending at least one call processor message based on action information in response to a switch message when condition information is satisfied, the switch message being received from a switch in response to the outbound call being placed to a dialed number and received at the switch, and the call processor message being sent for controlling the outbound call received at the switch (column 15, line 57 to column 16, line 29);

wherein each rule is comprised of at least a portion of the action information and a portion of the condition information (column 16, lines 30-49).

Regarding **claim(s) 36**, Farris discloses a method, wherein the switch initiates an action based on the action information in response to receiving the call processor message (column 16, lines 30-49).

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to **claim(s) 24-46** have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).


A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gerald Gauthier whose telephone number is (571) 272-7539. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fan Tsang can be reached on (571) 272-7547. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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